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EASTER ENTERTAINMENT

Dr. Stryker's Innovation in Chapel Music Joyously Received—Encore Uncertain.

Owing to the uncertainty of the weather, not as large an audience as had been anticipated turned out to enjoy the special bill which Dr. Stryker had provided for the Easter Sunday matinee at the Chapel. In view of the occasion it was supposed that a program of general excellence would be provided together with numerous specialties, but the posters were delayed in transportation and early Saturday morning the box office reported a slim advance sale. It was given out, however, that Harry Bates had secured his regular seat behind the largest post and had stipulated that it be comfortably upholstered. It was rumored that among other first-nighters, "Bill Shep" had engaged a block of seats in the family circle, but no official confirmation could be obtained to this report. Had it been generally known that, in addition to Dr. Stryker, the monologist, other such matinee idols as Gould, the barber-shop tenor, and "Jack," the West-Indian cymbal artist, would appear, undoubtedly the S. R. O. sign would have been hung out long before the hour for opening the doors.

The management had provided elaborate decorations consisting of two white lilies placed in a conspicuous position. The first number was the entrance of the Seniors in their new ballet costumes and this caused a wild scramble for opera glasses in the gallery, until special officers Plant and Ahlheim had to enforce order. The monolog number fell rather flat, but with the aid of a voluminous crib it was finally concluded, there being fewer jokes than usual and these couched in quaint Latin phraseology. It was evident that the artist was off color and he narrowly escaped the hook.

As is the general custom, the strongest and most novel number was reserved to conclude the bill. The management had secured the services of the Barber-Shop Tenor and the West-Indian Cymbal Artist at a fabulous price and they appeared together in the final number, announced as the "Cymbal Fugue." The music was wild and barbaric, the theme depicting an angel aboard a pirate ship. For some time speculation was rife as to whether the organ had pneumonia or croup. Some even insisted that the organ and Thompson were having a terrible tussle in which "Thompie" was being worsted. When the climax of the act was reached, "Jack," the West-Indian Cymbal Artist, was visible in the rear armed with a couple of Mertz's best kitchen utensils. "Bunny," the Barber-Shop Tenor, resolved not to be outdone and emitted one horrible shriek, after which he sank upon the stage with a shattered lung and was carried into the wings by the attendants.

This number threw the house into confusion. By this time everyone was fully awake and wild applause rang forth on every side. Strong men were moved to tears, some who had not wept since the wild appeal to Barabbas joining in the lachrymose chorus. Colson, frenzied by the abbreviated costume of the Barber-Shop Tenor, was all for heaving the decorations at him, but was forcibly ejected by "Pete" Marhaver, who was premiere danseuse. The curtain was hastily rung down and the audience beat it hot-foot for the exits.

The dramatic critics were divided as to the merit of the performance. When interviewed by the dramatic editor of this publication, Dr. Wood admitted that he was so frightened by the events of the afternoon that, speaking figuratively, his hair stood on end. Therefore, he was not in a position to judge the performance dispassionately. "Bill Shep", always blasè, stated with some heat that the bill was not up to the standard set by the Parisian revues, and that he

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WITH THE MUSICAL CLUBS

Happenings on Spring Trip Which Served to Make it Pleasant—Johnson, Peters, et al.

Musically speaking, this has been a year of superlatives. It is customary to write a eulogy of our glee club after the Easter trip, and tack on as an afterthought some such originnal remark as "the manager fulfilled his thankless duties well." Just as a novelty and in simple fairness, we're going to say that never has a management treated the artists so royally as on the trip just ended. There was not one "hick-town" on the schedule—it was just one long party.

Things got started nicely at Gouldtown, known otherwise as Seneca Falls. The railroad was pleasantly reminiscent of the O. & W.—but what's an hour or two in time? There was a very pleasant dance, after which the Irishman floundered around for three hours in mudd seeking where to lay his head. Another pleasant feature of the evening was the naiveté of a fair danseuse who shyly inquired of Heidner "if the first tenor didn't have a-er-a wooden leg."

A generous audience of about a thousand heard the concert in the Central Presbyterian Church in Rochester. The quartette was at its best, and the beautiful Guonod duet for violins, with a perfectly good Steinway Grand for accompaniment, went well for the first time. There was a smoker at the University Club after the concert. Most of the fellows stayed in Rochester over Sunday and had divers parties. Yes, it is at Rochester that "it" happened. Why, Harold Johnson! Of all men! But the Millham's hospitality is far-famed for its temptations.

Monday was crowded with momentous events. To begin with, Senator O'Brien appeared at the train with a woman, a large rattle, and a green tie. Excitement had scarcely died down when Grand Master Seabury

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ATHLETICS.

With the return of warm sunshine and reasonably dry ground, the candidates for the assistant managerships are busy rubbing sore arms, chasing stray balls, rolling the track and diamond into a semblance of shape, and "suping" the College generally. Neither the track nor the baseball departments are to have professional coaches this year but the candidates will be under the competent supervision of the captains.

With the Southern trip only a week away, Captain Allen has had the aspirants for the baseball team out daily since College opened. The field has been too soggy for snappy practice, but the squad has been batting in the Gym. and the pitchers have been working out easily to avoid sore arms. The scrub lined up against the Varsity last Saturday for a five-inning game and will continue this practice for a short period each day this week. In this manner, the new men will be given a chance to show their ability in an actual game. Twelve men including Manager Pratt, '12, will start next Sunday for the South. Unless faculty rulings prevent, it seems exceedingly probable that Hamilton will be represented with a good team this year.

Track prospects, which are at best always uncertain, seem as good as ever. On Thursday, Captain Colson called out the candidates for the first practice, and some twenty men reported, including Day and Gaige, '11 Roberts, Shaul, and Wenigmann, '13, of last year's team—an excellent nucleus around which to build a team. Some of the Freshmen of "Prep-school" rating bid fair to become serviceable. Competition in the sprints and weights are likely to strengthen a department, which, in past years, has not been over strong. Not enough men, however, are out to satisfy the captain; he strongly urges that more men come out whether they have had any experience or not. Definite arrangements have been completed for meets with Union and St. Lawrence early in May, and the annual field day of the N. Y. S. I. A. U. will be held later in the month, but the exact date and place is not yet decided.

It is a safe assertion that these departments have never had larger squads from which to select teams, nor has there ever been a season with the schedules more sanely arranged and suited to the conditions prevailing in this part of the country.

For those men who are interested in athletics but who are not of Varsity caliber, Dorrance, '12, manager of intramural sports, is already at work on a schedule of interclass and interfraternity games which will be played during the term.

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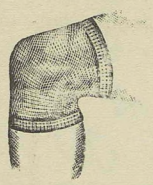

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EDITORIAL.

In order to discover the sentiment of the Alumni in regard to rearranging the program of Commencement Week as was outlined and discussed in an editorial of Life, the issue of March 14, a number of copies of that editorial are being mailed to various Alumni with particular attention to those who, for the past few years, have been the most frequent visitors to the Hill for Commencement. Not that these Alumni are the only ones to be consulted, for we hope, for the furtherance of our campaign for an alteration, that there are many Alumni who consider the present arrangement so ill-adapted to their desires that, should they come back, an insufficient amount of enjoyment would be derived to pay for the necessary sacrifice of business, and whom the proposed plan would enable to come back; but we know that the former are interested in Commencement and as the plan is merely a feeler, we do not wish to incur any more expense than the interest of the Alumni warrants. However, if a sufficient number of answers to these letters are received to show that the Alumni consider our present program so inconvenient that a change is desirable, Life will exert all means at its disposal to acquaint every Alumnus with the proposed scheme.

So that the subscribers of Life may keep in touch with the progress of the scheme, all letters, either favorable or in oppositon to the proposed plan, or, if by any chance, the number of answers be too great, excerpts from all letters will be published.

It seems unnecessary to urge the Alumni to make known their opinions about the plan; obviously, if they do not desire a change in the program, why attempt to have it changed?

N. B.—Should any Alumnus who does not receive a copy of the editorial wish one, if he will inform the Editor of Life of the fact, a copy will promptly be forwarded.

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Notwithstanding the difficulties which confronted the management of the Musical Clubs two weeks before the beginning of the Easter trip because of the unexpected and depressing announcement of the committee in charge that the proposed Chicago trip must be canceled, it would seem from all reports that the annual spring trip was an inspiring success. In spite of the fact that so sudden a thwarting of their expectations for a fine western trip dampened seriously the enthusiasm of the members of the Clubs, every concert brought a generous quota of praise from the newspapers as well as from the audience. Then, too, Manager Anibal thinks that he will be able to meet nearly if not quite all the expenses. But whether he can or not, Life thinks that it voices the unanimous opinion of the College in protesting that the financial outcome of the trip is of insignificant importance inasmuch as, in view of the discouraging circumstances attending the arrangement of the schedule, a trip of any pretension was almost beyond hope. The management certainly deserves the heartiest commendation from all on the happy outcome of its tremendous exertions.

Some have thought the desirability of so expensive a trip as one to Chicago uncertain: from one point of view—that of succeeding managers—it very likely would establish a baffling precedent, for, of course, a manager always tries to schedule as good if not better trips than have former managers. Since the Chicago Alumni would have to make strenuous efforts to meet the heavy guarantee required to make the trip possible, it is probable that they would feel able to finance only occasional trips. Therefore, were a Chicago trip out of the question, a manager would be compelled to return to the familiar and well-traveled field in New York State, and this might seem a disappointing decline and attributable to his having less managerial abilities than some of his more fortunate predecessors—a manager is judged primarily upon his schedule.

On the other hand, the guarantee required of the Chicago Alumni would be appreciably lessened should the Clubs inspire a generous enough enthusiasm in some of the many available towns in Ohio and Indiana to provide a continuous field for giving concerts on the road to Chicago, which city would thus become the objective point of the trip and not depended upon in such a large degree to furnish the money required. If so, an annual or a bi-annual trip to Chicago would be a glowing possibility.

In mapping out a Musical Club trip, a manager should consider not only the financial side, primarily important as that must always be, nor enjoyment for the members of the Clubs, but to a large extent, the advertisement which the concerts will afford the College. If the management can profitably schedule concerts in Ohio and Indiana, as may readily be expected, our excellent Clubs would attract creditable notice to the College in a district wherein the College is little if any known. The opening up of this new western field to the Clubs is of far more worth as advertisement than concerts in Chicago, for the Clubs may scarcely hope to secure much popularity in a city as large as Chicago among people not already intimately interested in Hamilton.

In view of the benefits accruing in the shape of excellent advertisement for the College as well as of pleasure for the members of the Clubs, Life trusts that neither Manager-to-be Boone nor the Chicago Alumni will relax their efforts to assure a western trip for next year.

One serious defect in our football team last fall was the lack of a well-developed kicking game. One or more good punters are absolutely necessary to a team since the rushing power is seriously handicapped under the present rules; for the same reason, one of the most employed means of scoring is by field goals. The only way in which we can hope to remedy this fault is to have two or three men devote a considerable amount of time to practice—an hour or more a day. That this was not done last fall is largely responsible for our deficiency, for there were several men on the team who showed much promise of developing into excellent kickers.

Granting that practice is so necessary, as presumably all do, why not spend some time this Spring in punting and drop-kicking practice? To stimulate interest, would it not be possible to hold a competition later in the term with medals for the victors?

Life earnestly urges Coach Moore and Captain Knox to consider this carefully.

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Life wishes to pay its respects to Bates, '12, the newly-elected president of the Press Club. By virtue of his literary ability, his good judgment in regard to suitable items for publication, and, above all, his unflagging enthusiasm and loyalty to the College, Bates is fitted for the position as is no other man. It is a pity that the Club is not better supported financially.

Evidently the eligibility rules at Syracuse are much more rigid than has been popularly thought. This article is quoted from the "Daily Orange": "The list of eligible athletes which is published in this morning's paper is a disgrace. To think that there are only enough freshman candidates eligible to form one eight and not enough Varsity candidates eligible to form the eight and four-oared should make everybody sit up and take notice. Unless the candidates do something radical at once, it is easy to foresee that the strenuous efforts of the student body to finance athletics will never be repeated."

—O'Brien, '11, has accepted a position as head of the elocution department of Albion High School.

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considered that the advance notices which had induced him to attend had been altogether too glowing.

Now there remained these three—Gould, Stryker, and West, but the greatest of these is West.

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Gould announced the formation of the Lily Club, probably the most unique organization of its kind in America. Examinations for membership were characterized by the most severe rigidity combined with absolute impartiality. The Worthy Master gave personal attention to every applicant, and was considered the supreme authority in all disputed cases. Woodie gave the afternoon to assiduous scraping of his fiddle and was quite the star of the evening's performance. A specialty was introduced by "the pride of Albion" which was very kindly received. Those few members of the instrumental club who are not from Albion seemed infected by the enthusiasm and helped carry all the club's numbers to a triumphant success. There was another pleasant dance, too.

Buffalo, the objective point, was taken by storm. The audience which crowded the New Century Club was critical, but soon thawed out. Eells was much missed, having been compelled to go home by a bad attack of grippe. Most of the men were lodged at the splendid Touraine Hotel, and everything that the brain of George Sicard & Company could invent was done for them. The freedom of the University Club was offered and joyously accepted. Wednesday was spent at Shea's Theatre and other points of interest. A beautiful, life-like cut of "Cupid" Gouge appeared in the Buffalo Courier the next morning.

It was a beautiful, long, redolent Pomposo Stinkadore of a Havana. And he never felt so fine in his life, so he didn't! And this was his idea of comfort, sure! Oh, Lewis, Lewis! And Thompson was his seducer, the bold, bad, wooden-legged Scotchman! We wouldn't dwell on it, but there's an awful moral in the fate of the amorous Swede who left behind a trail strewn with broken hearts. Tenderly we draw the veil over the black infamy of it. Strong men like Callahan and Gould wept at it. We can do no less.

But to return to pleasanter subjects, Binghamton was generous enough to give us two dances—one at the Lady Jane Grey School and one at the Press Club. For further particulars address Porter or Greengard.

The beauty and manly pride of New Rochelle turned out at their commodious High School, a thousand strong. No one can account for Poos's whereabouts the previous 24 hours, but certain it is that he nearly threw the retiring, gentle Sidle into paroxysms of fright when he inquired in tones of thunder "Whuffor?" in a quartette song. It made the hit of the evening, but it effectually drove all musical ideas from the terrified quartet.

Despite the attempt of the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. to carry off all the suit cases, we all arrived safely at the good old New England town of Holyoke, and gave an excellent concert in the High School. A little reception closed the trip. We are glad and sad to think it's all over. And that's the way with all good trips.

AT LAST.

Contrary to all expectations, the library is wired. Yes, wired and connected, because the electrician turned on the juice Saturday evening and showed up the dust for a minute or two. Peter Kelly is joyous at the transformation and so is the "Ghost," if the old maxim about silence and consent is still applicable. Yet the latter is still reticent as to the advisability of the venture and declines to announce whether buffet luncheon will be served open evenings at ten bells. He probably fears that the innovation will mean more work for him.

The equipment consists of twenty-six lights so arranged on the walls and ceiling that work at night will be possible anywhere in the building. Exactly what evenings the building will be open and during what hours, is known only to "Booge" Plant, but he, owing to his position on the faculty, has wrapped himself in the cloak of mystery ordinarily assumed by persons of exalted station.

—Elihu Root, jr., '03., has been admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the United States.

LOCAL DEPARTMENT

D. E. STONE, '13, Local Editor.

HILL NOTES.

—There were 92 delinquent notices sent out last term.

—Prof. Miller lectured at the Teachers' Institute in Walden, last week.

—Francis Wicks, Williams '12, was the guest of Dr. Wood over Sunday.

—Lee has been elected captain and Brown, manager, of the Freshman baseball team.

—Prof. Shepard has purchased the Scoons property at the foot of the Hill and is remodelling the house.

—Prof. Lewis addressed the Oneida County Pomona Grange in Utica on Wednesday, April 5th, on the subject: "The city or the country for our young men and women?"

—The baseball game scheduled for April 25th with Mt. Joseph's College has been replaced by a game with Mt. St. Mary's College in Emmettsburg, Maryland, on the same date.

—Stryker, '06, who is one of the assistant district attorneys in New York State, has been given full authority to conduct the prosecution of druggists in this State who have made adulterated prescriptions.

—At the annual elections of the Press Club which were held last term, the results were as follows: President, Bates, '12; Vice-President, Hallock, '12; Secretary and Treasurer, DuBordieu, '12. From the Freshmen competitors, Barnes was given a place on the Club. Alvord, '12, also was elected. It was decided to hold informal meetings alternate Monday nights.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The following letter is the first to be received in expression of the opinions of Alumni in regard to the proposed alteration of our Commencement Week program:

March 25th, 1911.

Editor-in-Chief Hamilton Life,
Clinton, N. Y.

Dear Sir:—I read with much interest an editorial in last week's issue of Life, advocating or suggesting a change in the Commencement Week program, the object of the change being to bring about a "week end" Commencement. It seems to me that the plan presents certain possibilities of advantage that entitle it to a trial.

I dislike change as much as anyone, and I enjoy as much as anyone the present old-fashioned Commencement Week, but in view of the difficulty which many of our graduates certainly have in arranging their affairs so as to enable themselves to take in a full Commencement Week as planned under the old system, I believe that the College authorities might well fix the days for the Commencement program as outlined in the Life editorial, for at least two or three years at any rate, in order to ascertain whether the change would accommodate the Alumni and their business affairs to such an extent as to bring them back in greater numbers. Yours, etc.,

RICHARD C. S. DRUMMOND, '07

To the Editor:

As the present officers of the Y. M. C. A. enter upon their work, it is with no holier-than-thou spirit. They believe that, first, fellows need to come together to earnestly and truthfully consider the characters of men as given to us in our Bible. They believe it absolutely essential that those who desire to render the finest service to society attend the prayer meetings and Bible study groups. Then, in addition to these sources of encouragement and inspiration, the officers believe that there should be opportunity for the expression of ourselves in other fields; that this expression should manifest itself first in those activities in which every fellow is interested on this Hill. That is, that from the Y. M. C. A. meetings there should emanate that spirit of real manhood which will help a fellow fight harder in every game on this Hill. Then, that fellows to some degree should interest themselves in the organized church work either thru social service or Sunday School, etc.

Beginning this week Thursday evening at half past seven there will be regular prayer meetings lasting one half hour. Bible groups have been organized to meet every Sunday afternoon at three o'clock. Furthermore, within a week, fellows will visit every dormitory room in quest of old magazines which will be sent to Homes for Aged People where they can render a great service.

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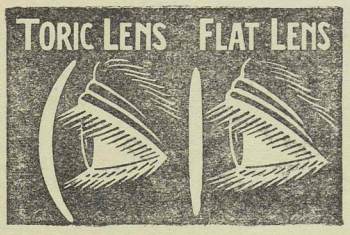

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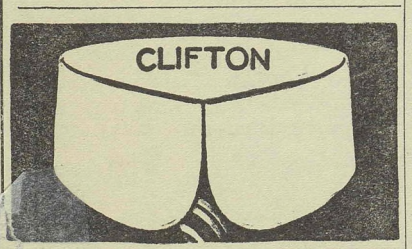

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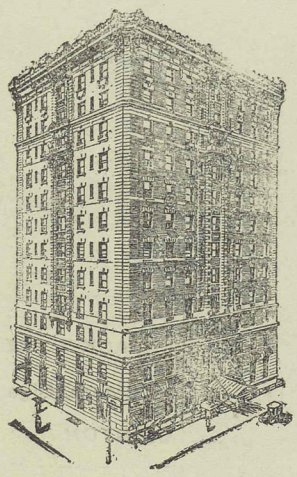

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